

HOUSE BILL 743

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;
Title 65 and Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to the
provision and preservation of adequate water.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

(a) The authority shall determine what level of water leakage shall be considered excess and wasteful by rule. The authority may conduct such investigations as the authority deems is the responsibility of the authority to ensure that public water utilities are properly detecting, preventing and curing any excess and wasteful water leakage that may be occurring at those utilities.

(b) The authority shall collect from any public water utility under its jurisdiction, on a routine basis but not less often than annually, a report detailing the amount of water purchased by such water utility and the amount of water sold by such water utility in that reporting period, as well as a good faith estimate of the amount of leakage occurring in the water utility during that reporting period and any steps being pursued by the water utility to alleviate the problem of excess water leakage.

(c) The authority shall conduct investigations as it deems appropriate to determine if excess and wasteful water leakage is occurring.

(d) No public utility shall allow water leakage at the level or greater than the level determined by the authority to be wasteful and excessive.

SECTION 2. The authority is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.